

AL III-C-031 Hess Brick House
Hillcrest Dr.
Cumberland vicinity, Allegany Co. MD
Eligible, Criterion C

This distinctive two-story brick house is believed to have been built about 1910. The south-facing structure includes a four bay long main section with parapet gable ends with chimneys, and a two bay western section with battlements. A one-story one bay square addition is located at the east end. The house was built in all stretcher bond. It stands on a concrete foundation and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The irregularly spaced windows are mostly 6/1 sash topped by brick straight arches and supported by cast concrete sills. A hip-roofed porch with a low central pediment shelters the facade. Four large fluted columns support the porch roof. The main entrance appears east of center. It is flanked by sidelights and topped by a transom.

The Hess Brick House appears to be an early 20th century revival of regional late Federal era vernacular brick houses from the mid 19th century such as AL-VI-A-007 Frost Brick Farm House. The Frost House near Pinto was built circa 1850. The six bay brick structure also has parapets. The Hess Brick House is in very good original condition and represents a well-designed example of early 20th century revival styles. It is recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to high integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Criteria: ____A ____B <u><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></u> C ____D	Considerations: ____A ____B ____C ____D ____E ____F ____G ____None
Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/7/02</u>
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View of Hess Brick House (A1-III-31).

HESS BRICK HOUSE

AL-III-C-031
Hillcrest Drive
ca. 1910

The Hess Brick House is believed to have been built around 1910 as a fashionable residence for a more affluent family of Allegany County. The house consists of a two story, five bay wide, rectangular shaped block, flanked by two wings. The significance of this site lies in the similarities of construction between this site and the Frost Brick House (AL-VI-A-007), built in the mid 19th century. Similarities include the rectangular block brick construction, gabled ends and the parapets on the gable ends.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hess Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hillcrest Drive
Off south side of National Highway, Route 40

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Janet & Gene Hess

Telephone #: 724-7133

STREET & NUMBER

Box 85, Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 459

Folio #: 359

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-III-C-031

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hess Brick House is located along Hillcrest Drive just east of Cumberland, Allegany County, on the north side of the road near the intersection of the National Highway.

The house basically consists of a two story, five bay wide, rectangular shaped block. A one story wing abuts the main block on the northeast side while a two story wing with battlements abuts the main block on the southwest side. The building is of common stretcher bond construction and is supported by a poured concrete foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled and is covered with the original slate materials while the gabled ends feature parapets. Windows in the structure include double hung, wooden sash frames with six over six lights and cement cornices at the bottom of the frames. The main entrance is located on the front southeastern side and features the original horizontally paneled door with transom lights and side lights. The main entrance is covered by a three bay end porch with hipped roof which is supported by Roman Doric Capital columns. The one story wing, on the northeastern side, exhibits a flat roof-patio feature which is made available by a door on the second story of the main block. Two original, corbeled brick chimneys are located on the flush end of the principal facade.

The building is structurally very sound and is very similar in construction to the Frost Brick House, which is located on Route 220, south and was built in the mid nineteenth century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca.1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hess Brick House is believed to have been built around 1910 as a fashionable residence for a more affluent family of Allegany County. The significance of this site lies in the similarities of construction between this site and the Frost Brick House, (AL-VI-A-007), built in the mid 19th century and located along Route 220 south. Similarities between the structures include the general rectangular block brick construction, the gable ends, and the parapets extending above the roof line of the gables.

The house is in near original appearance and remains an architectural reminder of the fashionable style of life of the more affluent members of Allegany County in the early 20th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO.

A1-111-C-031

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DATE:

10/13/76

1973

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

From Mr. Roy Hawkins

Norman Hess Name

NAME OF PROPERTY:

Hess Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

off south side of National Highway (Rt. 40)

just east of Cumberland (land)

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

South East

NAME OF OWNER:

Janet + Gene Hess

724-7133

ADDRESS:

Box 85 Rt. 2

Cumberland, MD 21502

STORIES:

1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(✓) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on 2 on each side

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 (✓) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Stratford bond
 () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 () LOG
 () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

Battlements on WingFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE pour concreteWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS:

1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other(✓) 6/1
 pegged () nailed(✓) wide () narrow () mitred () pediment (✓)
 stone

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

main facade

HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Transom Lights
 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

Parapets

original(✓) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original(✓) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip(✓) gable() 3 Bay End - Roman Doric Columns

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(✓) STONE() CORBELED(✓) original(✓) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end(✓) Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

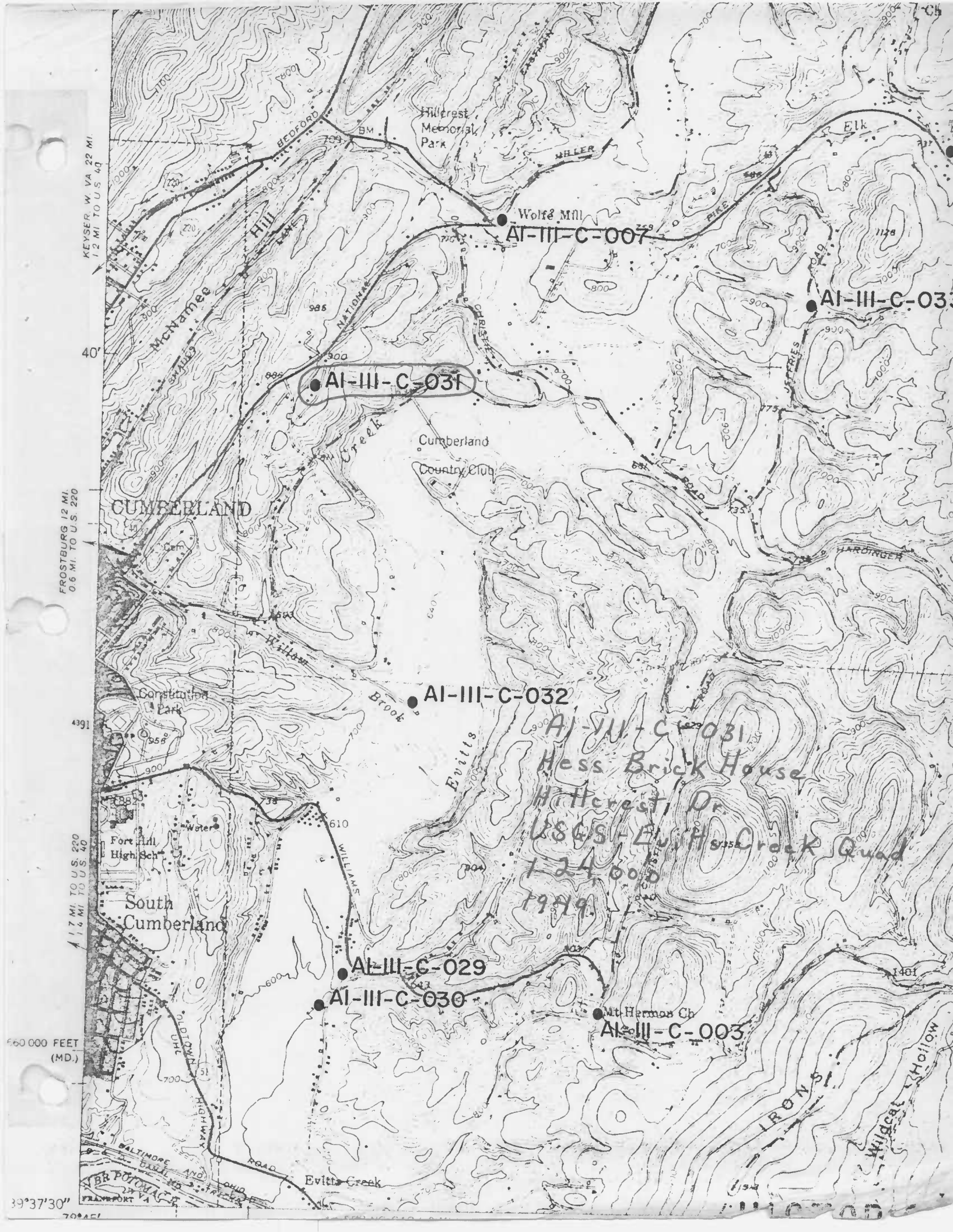
COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

Significance - Arch.

Date Constructed - circa 1910

Condition - Excellent



KEYSER, W. VA 22 MI
1.2 MI TO US 40

FROSTBURG 12 MI
0.6 MI TO U.S. 220

1.7 MI TO U.S. 220
1.4 MI TO U.S. 40

660 000 FEET
(MD.)

39°37'30"

70°45'



HESS BRICK HOUSE

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OFF SOUTH SIDE OF NATIONAL
HIGHWAY

John Nelson

10/13/76

north



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Hess Brick House

Off South Side of National
Highway

John E. Nelson

10/13/76

WEST